

House Resolution 256

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd, Jones of the 44th, Mangham of the 94th, Jackson of the 142nd, and Taylor of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander has devoted his life to preaching
3 the Word of God and leading his community, and this year marks the 40th anniversary of his
4 arrival at Antioch Baptist Church North; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Alexander was born in Atlanta, valiantly served in the United States Air
6 Force, and later went on to graduate from Morehouse College and the Morehouse School of
7 Religion; and

8 WHEREAS, his first sermon at Antioch in 1969, entitled "There Is a Man in Town" etched
9 an indelible mark on the hearts of the Antioch congregation and was a fitting title that
10 foreshadowed the enormous impact Pastor Alexander would come to have upon the church
11 and the City of Atlanta; and

12 WHEREAS, for 40 years, Pastor Alexander has strengthened the foundation of the Antioch
13 Church by pursuing opportunitites for growth that have fulfilled his goal of increasing
14 outreach ministries, amassing numerous parcels of land on behalf of the church, and
15 successfully establishing nine missions; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Alexander's compassion for the poor and overlooked is evident with his
17 establishment of the nationally acclaimed Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc., a nonprofit
18 organization which provides housing and support services for recovering addicts and
19 individuals affected by AIDS, HIV, and noninfectious tuberculosis, in addition to
20 employment opportunities and alternatives to incarceration for juveniles and first time
21 offenders; and

22 WHEREAS, this visionary has devoted his life to preaching the Gospel, and his ministry
23 combines the trained eye of the academician, the imagination and resourcefulness of the
24 missionary, and the empathetic understanding of the loving pastor; and

25 WHEREAS, in recognition of his great works and inspiring ministerial career, Pastor
26 Alexander has been awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from the United
27 Theological Seminary, the Interdenominational Theological Center, and the Carver Bible
28 College; in addition, Pastor Alexander was honored by Morehouse College with the
29 prestigious Bennie Award, the highest recognition the college gives to its most distinguished
30 alumni, and has been inducted into the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame; and

31 WHEREAS, Pastor Alexander was honored with an invitation to submit a powerful and
32 soul-stirring sermon to the Library of Congress on the inauguration of President Barack
33 Obama, which will be archived in the American Folklife Center; and

34 WHEREAS, Pastor Alexander has been united in love and marriage to Barbara Jackson
35 Alexander for 54 years and the two have been blessed with four remarkable children: Eric,
36 Greg, Kenneth, and Maria; and

37 WHEREAS, under Pastor Alexander's guidance, Antioch Church has grown into a wonderful
38 example of a strong Church that stands as a beacon of hope and an anchor in its community;
39 and not only has Pastor Alexander had a profound impact upon the Antioch congregation,
40 his influence and vision have had a trailblazing impact on Atlanta's vitality as a great city.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander for his
43 unparalleled record of community service and his innumerable good works rendered on
44 behalf of persons in need and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued
45 health and happiness.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Cameron
48 Madison Alexander.